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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressional Presentation on U-2

This paper is for congressional presentation on U-2 incident. In a meeting in the Director's office on 24 May, and in subsequent telephone conversations, it was determined that the following papers should be prepared for such use as the Director may wish to make in his congressional presentation now scheduled for 31 May. The following list contains a brief explanation of content where necessary, the individual responsible for its preparation, and the due date.

1. The accomplishments for national security of the AQUATONE/CHALICE program. To be prepared by Mr. Reber in consultation with C/FI, DPD, and appropriate officers from the DD/I. An outline of the paper will be discussed with the ARC and the draft of the paper reviewed by the members of that committee to ensure it includes views from the whole committee. Due date: Noon, 27 May.

2. Air Force role in support of CHALICE. Already prepared by DDCI.

3. NASA role in CHALICE. A brief statement emphasizing (a) the genuineness and value of the NASA research program, and (b) the non-involvement of NASA in any intelligence collection operations. To be prepared by Mr. J. Cunningham. Due date: Noon, 27 May.

4. Role of the Intelligence Community in CHALICE. A brief explanation of the manner in which requirements for CHALICE were originated and coordinated so as to represent the views of the entire Intelligence Community, together with a brief discussion of the procedures for the utilization of the product of CHALICE. To be prepared by Mr. Reber. Due date: Noon, 27 May.

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5. Dossier on Francis Powers on relevant material 25X1A has already been gathered and is in possession of [REDACTED]. Any additional information to be added to that already assembled should be furnished to him.

25X1A 6. Complete record of all public statements and releases. [REDACTED] has a nearly complete record in his possession. This should be reviewed by [REDACTED] for completeness. 25X1A [REDACTED] should consult with State and NASA to be sure that no releases or statements have been omitted. Due date: Noon, 26 May.

7. Chronology of U-2 project up to May 1. An outline listing principal events and dates should suffice for this purpose. The material has already been assembled and used in briefings. It should be put in convenient form in a typed list suitable for assembly with other papers for the Director. Responsibility - Mr. Jim Cunningham. Due date: Noon, 26 May.

8. Probable sequence of events in loss of aircraft. What is desired under this heading is a paper prepared jointly by DPD/CIA and the Air Force which will set forth as full and plausible explanation as can be offered on the evidence now available as to the immediate causes and circumstances of the loss of the U-2 on 1 May. The paper should not suppress any differences of opinion and may set forth alternative hypotheses. It should, however, be a single agreed paper which can be given necessary circulation in identical form in the Air Force, DOD, and in the Agency. The preparation of this paper is the joint responsibility of Colonel Beerli and Colonel Geary for USAF. Due date: Noon, 26 May.

9. Chronology of events 1 May through 20 May. This should be a brief list of decisions and statements made regarding the loss of the U-2 during the time period in question. Much of it can be prepared as a list of releases and statements requested under Item 6 above. The list should include, however, the major speeches on this subject, the congressional briefings, and such decisions as that of 1100 hours on 5 May that the State Department would be responsible for further public statements. I suggest that the easiest way to prepare this list would be to obtain a copy of such a list already prepared for the Secretary of State by Ambassador Bohlen. This would serve as a

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course check on our own information. I will ask Jim Cunningham to take this on. Due date: Noon, 27 May.

The above papers as prepared should carry whatever classification is currently required. Leave to the DCI any decision to declassify material for use with Congress. The original of each paper should be forwarded to the DCI with copy no. 2 for the DDCI and copy no. 3 for the DD/P. DPD should also maintain a complete set of these papers readily available as a working file and a basic file copy for reference.

SIGNED

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